

**NOTICE OF CHANGE**

**October 28, 2014**

EXAM TITLE: Senior Personnel Specialist  
EXAM CODES: 4EQ27  
EXAM TYPE: Departmental Promotional  
Spot Sacramento  
FINAL FILING DATE: November 7, 2014

The bulletin announcing the above examination is amended as follows:

The **final filing date has been extended to November 17, 2014.**

***Applicants who applied for the previous final filing date of November 7, 2014 do not need to resubmit their application.***

We regret any inconvenience this may cause to candidates filing for this examination.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
EXAMINATION AND RECRUITMENT SECTION**



**SENIOR PERSONNEL SPECIALIST**  
**EXAM CODE: 4EQ27**

Department(s):	Board of Equalization
Opening Date:	October 24, 2014
Final Filing Date:	November 17, 2014
Exam Type:	Departmental Promotional
Salary:	\$3731.00 to \$4671.00
Location(s):	SPOT Exam – Sacramento

## INTRODUCTION

***Your application will not be accepted for this promotional examination unless you are currently a Board of Equalization employee that meets the minimum qualifications or fall under SPB rule 234, 235, Government Code 18990, 18991, and 18992.***

## EEO

An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation.

## DRUG FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the state of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service and the special trust placed in public servants.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated in the Minimum Qualifications section of this examination announcement by **November 17, 2014**, the final filing date. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, and civil service class title (**not working title**). **Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

This is a departmental promotional examination for the Board of Equalization.

1. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Board of Equalization or meet the provisions of the State Personnel Board Rules 234 or 235 by **November 17, 2014**, the final filing date, in order to take this examination; or

2. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code 18990; or
3. Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive branch for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code 18992; or
4. Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code 18991.

For applicants under Items 2, 3, or 4, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete.

## FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: **November 17, 2014**

State Applications (Form STD. 678) may be mailed to:

**EXAMINATION & RECRUITMENT SECTION  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
450 N STREET, MIC: 17  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**

**Do not submit applications to the State Personnel Board / CalHR.**

Applications (Form STD. 678) submitted by mail must be **POSTMARKED** (e.g., United States Postal Service), or personally delivered no later than the final filing date. Applications are available at [jobs.ca.gov](http://jobs.ca.gov), State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing department on this job bulletin.

**Note:**

**Applications postmarked or personally delivered to the Human Resources Division, Room 317, 450 N Street, Sacramento, after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.**

**Do not send your application via interoffice or interagency mail. Applications received in this manner will not be accepted and cannot be returned pursuant to California Code of regulations 174.**

It is the personal responsibility of each examination candidate to submit an examination application within the timeframe and in the manner specified on this examination bulletin. Candidates are also responsible for obtaining proof of mailing or submission of their application to the Examination & Recruitment Section if necessary. Candidates are encouraged to contact the Examination & Recruitment Section (email: [boeexams@boe.ca.gov](mailto:boeexams@boe.ca.gov) or call: (916) 324-4807) to verify receipt of their application before the close-of-business on the final filing date.

## SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you are disabled and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Application for Examination." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

## REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION

Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to the examination.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applications must meet the following entrance requirements for this examination by **November 17, 2014**, the final filing date:

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Personnel Specialist, Range D, or a Personnel Services Specialist II.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of **either**:

- a) A qualifications appraisal interview weighted 100.00%, **or**
- b) An evaluation of each candidate's experience and education indicated on his/her application weighted 100.00%.

If interviews are conducted, the interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the interview. If an experience and education evaluation is utilized, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the evaluation process. **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the applications. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

## SELECTION PLAN

If interviews are conducted, it is anticipated that they will be held during **November 2014**.

Examination dates can be subject to change based on administrative and/or departmental needs.

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for use by the Board of Equalization in **Sacramento only**. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This is the expert journey level of the series. Under general direction, incumbents serve as the expert staff resource responsible for the most difficult and complex personnel/payroll issues. As a "staff specialist", researches critical personnel problems and recommends alternative solutions; develops and maintains specialized training programs; reviews various control agency letters, memos, and bargaining contract provisions, and develops/revises internal procedures as necessary; prepares management reports, spreadsheets, and charts; drafts correspondence; functions as a team member on personnel-related projects; are coordinators for a variety of personnel/payroll programs, e.g., FMLA; and may act in a lead role (i.e., training, workload, etc.) over lower-level staff.

## **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of: Current office methods, procedures, equipment, basic math principles; laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining contract provisions affecting personnel record keeping; personnel transactions, payroll, and certification processes used in State departments.

Ability to: Think logically, multitask, and apply laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining contract provisions concerning personnel transactions; independently interpret and use reference material; give and follow directions; gather data; design and prepare tables, spreadsheets, and charts; advise employees of their rights; consult with supervisors on alternative actions which they may take on various transaction situations; communicate effectively; operate a computer keyboard/terminal; establish and maintain cooperative working relations with those contacted during the course of the work; organize and prioritize work; create/draft correspondence; maintain personnel records; represent the department on intra/interdepartmental teams; coordinate a variety of personnel/payroll transactions; research critical transactions and recommend alternative solutions.

## **ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

Familiarity with automated systems.

## **VETERANS PREFERENCE**

Veterans' Preference will not be granted in the examination as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014.

## **CAREER CREDITS**

Career Credits do not apply and will not be added to the final score of this examination.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this examination, please call the California State Board of Equalization, Examination and Recruitment Section at (916) 324-4807. You may also

contact the California State Board of Equalization in writing at 450 N Street, MIC 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## DISCLAIMER

Please click on the link below to review the official California State Personnel Board class specification:

<http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/wvpos/jobspecs.cfm>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**For an examination with a written feature**, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Board of Equalization three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice of appointment.

**For an examination without a written feature**, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Board of Equalization three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

**If a candidate's notice** of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her 3 days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Applications are available** at [jobs.ca.gov](http://jobs.ca.gov), State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing department on this job bulletin.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The testing department** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and/or contact the testing department.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**If Promotional Examinations Only:** Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment and military veterans that meet all the minimum qualifications. Under certain circumstances, other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices, at the State Personnel Board office or [jobs.ca.gov](http://jobs.ca.gov) .

**If High School Equivalence is Required:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

**College Education:** The qualifications meeting the requirement “Equivalent to graduation from college” means satisfaction of the requirements for the bachelor’s degree from an accredited, recognized institution of higher education. This means the applicant must show receipt of a bachelor’s degree. Acceptable college course work must be from an accredited, recognized institution approved by the California Superintendent of Public Instruction under the provisions of California Education Code Section 94712.

**Veterans’ Preference Points:** The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) has information on how to apply for Veterans’ Preference on their website at [jobs.ca.gov](http://jobs.ca.gov) and on the Application for Veterans’ Preference form (CalHR 1093). Additional information is also available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/>.

**TTY** is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device. Calls may be placed using the following relay system.

California Relay Telephone Service for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired:

From TDD phones 1-800-735-2929 or from voice phones 1-800-735-2022

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